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The Irish Government announced that it is recalling all pork and pork products made in the Irish Republic since September after dioxins were found in slaughtered pigs that are thought to have eaten contaminated feed.

Dioxins are chemicals that get into food from the environment (mainly combustion and industrial processes) and are associated with a range of health effects when there is long term exposure to them at relatively high levels.

Some Irish pork and pork products are imported into Gibraltar and the Environmental Agency is carrying out a comprehensive investigation of all food importers to identify these and has instructed all retailers and wholesalers having these products to withdraw them from sale.

The Environmental Agency is therefore advising consumers not to eat pork or pork products such as sausages, bacon, salami and ham labeled as originating from the Irish Republic or Northern Ireland until such time as the affected products are identified.

If you have or suspect that you might have any of these products at home please contact the Environmental Agency or return them to the place of purchase.

The Environmental Agency will continue to monitor the situation and will take the necessary action to protect consumers locally.

Further updates arising from our investigation may be found on the Environmental Agency website www.environmental-agency.gi and information on dioxins is available on the Food Standards Agency website www.food.gov.uk.